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The Mexican War  
1846-1847

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[written in back of book in ink]

Left home on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1846 and arrived at the Fort on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.

**June 29** Left the fort.

**July 6** Arrived at council

We camped. Grove layed by for a day.

**7** From the Grove to the Demond Springs.

**8** From the Demond Springs to the Lost Spring. 14

**9** From Lost Spring to Cottonwood fork. 14 miles

**10** From cottonwood fork to the little Arkansas. 30 miles

[only a few more entrys-most difficult to read]

[at the other end of the book the account begins in pencil- first part of page too faint to read]

**July 7** From the Grove in Demond Springs 15 miles and

**8** From Demond Springs and Lost Spring 14 miles

**9** From Lost Spring to Cottonwood ford 14 miles camped at this --- from Cottonwood fork to Little Arkansas 30 miles camped at this place

**11** From Arkansas to Owl Creek 16 miles also to Cow Creek 3 miles from Owl Creek camp.

**12** From Cow Creek to Walnut --- miles and camped

**13** From Walnut Creek to Pawney Rock

**14** From Pawney Rock to Pawney Fork 12 days --- at Pawney Fork

**Aug 7** Passing many high peaks on right and on left

**8** Travelled through the mountains and encamped on Canadian River making about

20 miles

**9** Stayed by the Canadian all day.

**10** Left the Canadian traveling through the valley encamped on --- of the Washatan making 25 miles.

**12** Traveled about 15 miles and camped in the mountains.

**14** Traveled all day making 18 miles and camp on the American next morning we struck the settlements and camped at Baga.

**15** Left Baga this day for a fight just this --- - passing another little town called Chuckalo --- camped about 5 miles the other side.

**16** Marched all day --- passing a town --- Gill

**17** This day we passed old fire which had been burning for many years --- name of Pagers [?] and camped on Pagers Creek about 1 mile from it.

**18** Arose early --- through the gap and into Santa Fe --- teams broke down some got in ---and some --- and still behind.

19 Preparation was made and men detailed to go graising our horses also  
 preperations were made for raising a liberty staff.  
 20 Still on the grass[?] --- now about 30 miles from Santa Fe and am finding but  
 little grass when fell the coldest rain that I ever felt in my life.  
 21 Still cold and cloudy no grass but little in water. --- out grazing until first of  
 --- and that day we went into --- for the Albikirq[Alburque] --- warm and  
 pleasant. 60 of the best men and horses from the  
**Sept 2** trip out of a company left early in the morning for Albikirq traveling about 30  
 miles and encampt on the Galistao about 3 or 4 miles from the Rio Delnot or  
 Rio Grande no grass or water until --- and very little then.  
 3 Started early traveling until 8 oclock without water or grass --- passing little  
 town by the name of Domingo campt about 3 miles below.  
 4 Starting early traveling down the river passing several towns. Quantities of  
 grapes and peaches. I was sick in the wagon and cannot give any account  
 until the 7<sup>th</sup> when we turned back..the name of the town where we turned  
 back --- Tomiad.  
 8 On our way back encampt at the camp at the place where we did as we went  
 down.  
 9 On to Santife nothing of note  
 10 On our way back to Santife.  
 11 Encampt at what we called the Salt Spring now in about --- miles of Santife  
 12 --- divided and they starts to grase on the 13 walked to Santife got in about 8  
 oclock.  
**Sept 24** Elijah Bennett arrived at Santife.  
**Oct 17** I left Santife for the --- about 50 miles and arrived on  
 18 All well at the camps  
 23 Left the camps for St --- myself and others to swap for mules.  
 24 Swaped and started back arrived at the camp on the 25.  
 26 Left the --- for the Navahoe country after the Navahoes Indians  
 27 & 28 Nothing occurred of any importance cold weather without snow.  
 29 Spaniards incamp at St. Domingo claimed some horses of the boys which  
 caused a rumpus some fighting several knocked down the Spaniards finally  
 backed up. In the evening encamped on the --- at Domingo.  
 30 The election took place of the day for --- C. Hamison was elected.  
 31 Left on down the Rio Delmart.  
**Nov 1 (Sun)** Still persuring our course down the Rio Delmont  
 2 Nothing new except this day encampt wood very scarce.  
 3 Moved about and encampt --- started to Jacksons --- the 2 day of this month  
 4 Moved down the river 3 miles and encampt  
 5 Stayed on the Delmont at this time you could see the snow on all sides some  
 apples --- to be about 1 feet deep. This valley I would say is from 4 to 20  
 miles wide. Their principal staple is corn wheat onions and peppers the  
 herders have large herds of sheep --- which is their principal subsustance for  
 meat with --- cattle their farms principally watered by ditches dug from the  
 Delmont or some spring putting out from the mountains with out those ---  
 farms cannot be made. Grass in some places is fine and in others not at all  
 the ground is covered with sand ---.  
 6 Nothing new still traveling in course down the Delmont --- spent evening at a  
 Spanish wedding had a fine fandango all knight. All went well and regulars  
 traveling down the Delmont until the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. at Cehorah. James  
 Snell died and on the 21<sup>st</sup> he was buried --- 3 platoons of 12 men --- were  
 fired over his remains. He was buried in a beautiful place about one half  
 mile from the River --- full view for miles on the River.

21 We left the encampment passing the last town called Clcosah[?] and ---  
 Nov 25 Remainder of our army ---  
 26 This day the Navahoes --- came near our camp Killed 2 men in company B by  
 the name of Spears and Steward and driving our sheep off consisting of about  
 800. ....that the sheep was gone and the men were missing until about 8  
 o'clock at night when a party of 38 men were raised to pursue them. Followed  
 them about 50 miles through the mountains but finally no water and our  
 mules began to fail us we thought expedient to turn back which we did. We  
 were out 3 days and nights. We never knew that those men were killed  
 until we returned. Spears had 13 arrows in him and his head and brains ---  
 and smashed. Steward had seven arrows --- they were wrapped in blankets  
 and both buried in one grave.  
 30 Some news from Chuhualawa. Some Englishman came from there just one  
 month our reporting that Wool {Genl. John Ellis Wool} had not arrived yet  
 nor no news from --- but there was about 700 Mexicans coming up and  
 expected to increase their number to about 1500 and attack us and the --- The  
 Traians[?] are getting very much alarmed.  
 Dec. 1 All is right at present until the Traians went on Capt Watron is in  
 command. Sends 24 men to stop them this took place on 4th day of this  
 month. Sgt[?] Marsh shot Lara[?] Clara[?] in the Breast with a pistol.  
 10 This day Gilphin arrived from the Navahoe country.  
 12 This day Major Gilphin started to Alpasso {El Paso} with 300 men.  
 14 This day the --- came off and we started through the pafs [pass?] and arrived  
 on the other side the 18th in the afternoon.  
 19 This day we expected to have a battle at Donyone.  
 20 Moved our encampment about 1 mile and remained until Donathem{Col.  
 Doniphan} came which was on the 23 of this month.  
 24 All left for Alpasso about 800 men the battle came off on the 25 day of  
 December.  
 26 Left this encampment and went in about 15 miles of Alpasso on the 27th  
 about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.  
 28 Layed by at Alpasso today and also until the 30. Gilphin left with 100 men  
 for the the first 20 miles --- this place and remained in the Fort all night.  
 Returned to the Army the next day.  
 Jan 1 1847 This morning is the coldest morning we have had in New Mexico the day  
 came and clear. This Day the --- was raised by the Dust being raised  
 2 Also the weather clear and cold and remained so until up to this time.  
 4 Clear cold and dry up to the first day of Feb.  
 Feb 1 This day Capt Wartman arrived in Alpasso with his cannon.  
 8 The regiment left Alpasso and on the 14th we entered the 2 --- and arrived on  
 the other side of the 16 and stayed one day.  
 18 This day we marched 18 miles and reached Carisoll  
 20 Traveled about 9 miles and encampt at the mouth of the --- this morn.  
 21 Entered the --- about 4 o'clock. Traveled until about 10 in the night and  
 encampted.  
 27 This day encampt about 10 miles of the enemy.  
 28 This day the battle came off. Encamped on the ground of the Mexicans.  
 March 2 Marched into Chihuaha  
 April 8 Left Chihuaha for Soltier  
 30 Encampt at St. Rosalieo  
 May 3 Encampt at Warahkeah  
 4 This evening arrived at the head of the --- and entered the ---  
 9 Encampt on the Nasses River

<b>14</b>	Arrived at --- and left for Salthio on the 17 and arrived at Salthio on
<b>23</b>	Arrived at Monteray on the 26 and left Layton[?] campon the 27 and arrived
	at Commargo on the 31 of this month
<b>June 4</b>	Left Commargo and arrived at the Landing Reonoso on the 2nd about ---
	This day we --- the Bapes Island and board the Republic[?] and arrive at
	Newolean {New Orleans} on the 18th and left on the 23rd.

The book also contains English to Spanish words and some financial transactions.